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City of Torrance Appoints John J. Neu as New Police Chief

Torrance, Calif., October 10, 2006 – The City of Torrance is pleased to announce the appointment of John J. Neu as its new police chief. Since starting his career in 1985 at the Torrance Police Department, John J. Neu has risen through the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, captain to becoming the 8th police chief of the City of Torrance. He will receive his new badge at tonight's City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall (3031 Torrance Blvd.).

A Torrance resident, Neu was chosen among nine internal applicants. According to City Manager LeRoy J. Jackson, "We were fortunate to have an outstanding selection of internal candidates; Captain Neu was the most outstanding. I look forward to his leadership for securing the safety of Torrance's present and future."

Prior to his appointment as chief, Neu served as captain of the Patrol Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau. As captain and throughout his previous roles, he performed major accomplishments such as implementing a regional approach to address gang issues as part of the South Bay Gang Task Force. He also successfully coordinated and directed the City's Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, developed and implemented. He's also been actively involved with labor negotiations and personnel matters.

Neu brings his breadth of experience, exemplary training, continued education and excellent interpersonal skills to lead a department that has remained committed to protecting the public's safety. He will be overseeing 230 sworn personnel in a department of 325 employees.

John Neu is a West Torrance High School graduate. He received an associate degree in Administration of Justice from El Camino College and received a bachelor's and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University.

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